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Sweepstakes Electronic Gaming Devices Illegal in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 3) – The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission has announced its response to new sweepstakes electronic gaming devices that have begun appearing in Indiana.

A new type of electronic gaming device, commonly called a sweepstakes machine, sweepstakes totem, or sweepstakes kiosk, recently began appearing in Indiana bars, restaurants, taverns, convenience stores and other locations. The only form of gaming allowed in these businesses is Type II gaming – which includes pull tabs, punch boards, or tip board games. Any other sort of gaming is specifically prohibited by Indiana law.

Effective immediately, Indiana State Excise Police officers will begin notifying all businesses currently known to possess these unlawful electronic gaming devices, as well as all known distributors and manufacturers of these machines. Officers will then follow up by citing anyone still found in violation and seizing the electronic gaming devices.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. Excise officers enforce all state laws, but focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

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